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Dear Mrs. Koch:

This is to acknowledge with thanks your correspondence regarding possible cancellation of the lease Mrs. Dorothy J. Barboni has with the National Forest Service for a cabin site in the Mineral King Valley.

Please accept my apologies for the delay incurred in transmitting this response to you. As you can imagine, I am sure, there are a number of complexities involved in establishing a new Congressional office. Unfortunately, I have not been able to respond as rapidly as I would like, due to the heavy volume of mail I have received the first few weeks.

Upon learning that Mrs. Barboni's long-standing lease might be cancelled in order to provide additional parking space for the public, and that a hearing would be held on January 28, 1975, I immediately sent a telegram to the United States Forest Service asking them not to make a final decision prior to my being accorded an opportunity to familiarize myself with the situation.

A meeting between representatives of Mrs. Barboni and the National Forest Service was held as scheduled on January 28, 1975; however, no final decision was made. At the meeting Mrs. Barboni's representatives were informed that she has the right to appeal the cancellation notice, with the final decision to be made by the Service's Chief Forester, should Mrs. Barboni pursue the case to that level.

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In addition, the National Forest Service has informed me that it has offered the Barboni family an alternative site under a similar lease agreement, something the family has indicated it will consider.

As you can see, this issue is far from completed, but I am satisfied that both sides are involved in meaningful negotiations directed toward producing an equitable solution to the problem.

Thank you for sharing your views on this matter with me.

Sincerely yours,

John Krebs

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Member of Congress

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